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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached replacement sheet of Drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. The attached new sheet of drawings includes new Fig. 4.

Attachment: One (1) Replacement Sheet and one (1) New Sheet.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-33 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claim 1, amend the claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 10 and 12-15, and add new claims 16-33.

Applicants greatly appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 12 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The drawings were objected to because Fig. 1 failed to show the electronic lighting circuit 3, and because the drawings failed to show a positive temperature characteristic thermistor being mounted on a fluorescent light bulb side of the electronic lighting circuit substrate. Applicants have amended Fig. 1 so as to show the electronic lighting circuit 3, and have added new Fig. 4 which shows a positive temperature characteristic thermistor being mounted on a fluorescent light bulb side of the electronic lighting circuit substrate. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings.

Applicants have amended the Brief Description of the Drawings so as to describe new Fig. 4, and have amended the Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments so as to refer to new Fig. 4.

Claims 1, 3-11, 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2001-357989.

Applicants have amended claims 2, 12 and 14 to be in independent form including all of the features of claim 1. In addition, Applicants have amended claims 3, 6, 7, 13 and 15 to depend upon allowable claim 2, and have added new claims 16-33 which depend upon allowable claims 12 and 14.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1, 3-11, 13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 2001-357989 is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-33 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt

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allowance are solicited.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition the Commissioner for a Three-month extension of time, extending to October 6, 2005, the period for response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2005.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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